

THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAM

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Mr. GOLDWATER, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S.J. Res. 25]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the Senate joint resolution (S.J. Res. 25), to change the name of Roosevelt Dam in Arizona to Theodore Roosevelt Dam, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments in the nature of a substitute and recommend that the joint resolution, as amended, do pass.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED

The substitute joint resolution, with amended title, is as follows:

To change the name of Roosevelt Dam, Reservoir, and Power Plant in Arizona to Theodore Roosevelt Dam, Lake, and Power Plant

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the dam, reservoir, and power plant in Arizona, known as Roosevelt Dam, Reservoir, and Power Plant, shall hereafter be known as Theodore Roosevelt Dam, Lake, and Power Plant, and any law, regulation, document, or record of the United States in which such dam, reservoir, and power plant are designated or referred to under the name Roosevelt Dam, Reservoir, and Power Plant shall be held to refer to such dam, reservoir, and power plant under and by the name of Theodore Roosevelt Dam, Lake, and Power Plant.

PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

The major objective of the resolution, as originally introduced, and its substitute is to definitely identify the dam and accessory facilities with the name of Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United

States, who served from 1901 to 1909. It was during his incumbency that the dam and auxiliary works were authorized as major features of the Salt River project, one of the earliest reclamation developments under the Reclamation Act of 1902. This act was sponsored by Theodore Roosevelt and the major basic facility—Roosevelt Dam—was given his name on its completion in 1911. He also dedicated the dam on its completion on March 18, 1911.

Subsequently, by election to the Presidency in 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt's name also became associated with reclamation, and his name has been linked with the reservoir behind Grand Coulee Dam in the State of Washington.

Under the substitute joint resolution, the name of Theodore Roosevelt is definitely associated with the dam and auxiliary works of the major structure of the Salt River project in Arizona.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

The following communications from the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of the Budget relates to Senate Joint Resolution 25:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., June 8, 1959.

HON. JAMES E. MURRAY,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR MURRAY: This responds to your request for the views of this Department on Senate Joint Resolution 25, a joint resolution to change the name of Roosevelt Dam in Arizona to Theodore Roosevelt Dam.

This Department recommends that Senate Joint Resolution 25 be enacted and that it be amended as suggested herein.

Roosevelt Dam is a major storage feature of the Salt River Federal reclamation project, located on the main stem of the Salt River in Arizona. Its construction was completed in 1911. The dam provides a reservoir of 1,381,600 acre-feet capacity, and a powerplant having an installed rating of 15,400 kilowatts. The Salt River project, including Roosevelt Dam, Reservoir, and Power Plant, is now operated and maintained by the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association.

It is obvious from the period of construction that the dam, reservoir, and powerplant were named in honor of Theodore Roosevelt, who was President when the Reclamation Act of 1902 (32 Stat. 388), was enacted. The use of the full name Theodore Roosevelt would remove any question as to the origin of the name of the dam, and it would be consistent with the designation of the reservoir formed by Grand Coulee Dam in the State of Washington, which is known as Franklin D. Roosevelt Lake.

Inasmuch as it is sometimes customary to refer to reservoirs and powerplants separately from the dams with which they are physically associated, and since in the instant case the name Roosevelt is associated with the reservoir and powerplant, as well as the dam, we suggest that the joint resolution be amended to apply the name Theodore Roosevelt to all three features, and that the reservoir be

designated a lake. This may be accomplished by substituting for the provisions of the joint resolution the following:

"That the dam, reservoir, and power plant in Arizona, known as Roosevelt Dam, Reservoir, and Power Plant, shall hereafter be known as Theodore Roosevelt Dam, Lake, and Power Plant, and any law, regulation, document, or record of the United States in which such dam, reservoir, and power plant are designated or referred to under the name Roosevelt Dam, Reservoir, and Power Plant shall be held to refer to such dam, reservoir, and power plant under and by the name of Theodore Roosevelt Dam, Lake, and Power Plant."

If this substitute joint resolution is adopted, the title ought to be amended to read "To change the name of Roosevelt Dam, Reservoir, and Power Plant in Arizona to Theodore Roosevelt Dam, Lake, and Power Plant".

The Board on Geographic Names has advised that, while it does not exercise jurisdiction over manmade features such as dams and powerplants, and while in general its policy is to recommend the use of only the surname of a person when naming a feature, in the case of Senate Joint Resolution 25 it concurs in the views expressed herein insofar as they apply to the naming of the reservoir.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there would be no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

FRED G. AANDAHL,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, D.C., June 3, 1959.

HON. JAMES E. MURRAY,
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in reply to your letter of January 26, 1959, requesting the views of the Bureau of the Budget on Senate Joint Resolution 25, a bill to change the name of Roosevelt Dam in Arizona to Theodore Roosevelt Dam.

The Department of the Interior, in a report it is submitting to your committee, recommends enactment of the bill subject to incorporation of a perfecting amendment.

The Bureau of the Budget would have no objection to enactment of this legislation as recommended by the Department of the Interior.

Sincerely yours,

PHILLIP S. HUGHES,
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference.

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